

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 8-10, 13, and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).


Thus, since Matsui is not a proper reference, the withdrawal of the rejections to claims 8-10 and 13-14 is respectfully requested. A verified translation of the Japanese Priority Application is submitted together with this response. Thus, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance with claims 8-10, 13 and 14 contained therein.

Should the Examiner believe the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,

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